

# Adieu to Old England

Oh once I could ride in my coach  
And hors - - es to draw me a - - long,  
But — now I am stir - rup and stir - rup so strong  
And in i - rons and chains I am bound.  
Here's a - - dieu to Old Eng - land a - - dieu;  
And a - - dieu to some hun - dreds of pounds.  
If the world had been end - ed be - - fore I was born  
My sor - row I nev - er should know.

The musical score is written on eight staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and uses a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Once I could ride in my coach with horses to draw me along,  
but now I am stirrup and stirrup so strong and in irons and chains I am bound

(Chorus)

Here's adieu to Old England adieu, and adieu to some hundreds of pounds -  
if the world had been ended before I was born my troubles I never should know

Once I could eat of the best, the bestest of the brown bread,  
but now I am glad for the hard mouldy crust and glad I could get it to eat.

Once I could drink of the best, the bestest of ale so brown,  
but now I am glad of a cup of spring water that runneth from town to town.

Oh once I could lie on my bed; my bed was the softest of down,  
but now I am glad of a lock of chair straw to keep me up from the cold ground.